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February 23-24, 2017

The Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel
415 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC

This is the first national meeting in the new Administration focusing on the DOE Offices of Environmental Management and Nuclear Energy, and the National Nuclear Security Administration. Hear from DOE officials, key Congressional staff, and other DC insiders.

COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR

Chaos at Toshiba: \$6.3 billion write-down, chairman resigns, bankruptcy looms

The Washington Post

February 14, 2017

TOKYO — The chaos at Toshiba, the Japanese corporate giant, deepened Tuesday, with its chairman resigning and the company saying it would book a \$6.3 billion loss related to its U.S. nuclear business.

Analysts are now speculating about the possibility that Toshiba, which employs almost 200,000 people in Japan and has significant investments in the United States, will have to file for bankruptcy.

“This is one of Japan’s historic corporations and it’s very important to the Japanese economy, so this could be very significant for Japan,” said Tom O’Sullivan, a Tokyo-based energy analyst. “It would even impact Japan’s sovereign credit rating if there’s a knock-on effect.” [>>Continue reading](#)

TREATMENT & SHIPMENT

WIPP Releases Preliminary Shipping Estimates

WIPP Update

February 14, 2017

The Department of Energy (DOE) has developed estimates for the resumption of shipments of transuranic (TRU) waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) over the next 12 months. Shipments are expected to be made during that time from Idaho, Los Alamos, Oak Ridge, the Savannah River Site, and Waste Control Specialists.

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Shipments of TRU waste from generator sites across the U.S. are expected to commence in April. Shipments from a given site can commence once the site has demonstrated its readiness to load and ship TRU containers and has verified that waste destined for WIPP meets the updated Documented Safety Analysis requirements. The exact allocation and sequence for shipping will be adjusted based on the emplacement rate at WIPP, operational needs at WIPP and generator sites, and logistical issues (such as weather) that affect shipping. [>>Continue reading](#)

Testing to start next week at Idaho's IWTU

The Post Register

February 8, 2017

After a nine-month pause, testing is scheduled to start again next week at the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit, contractor officials said.

The first 10-day test run will examine the effectiveness of a modified auger grinder — a piece of machinery designed to chew up the solid radioactive waste that comes out of the treatment process. The component clogged and seized up during previous tests.

Twenty-day and 50-day test runs will follow to study other recent improvements made at the 53,000-square-foot facility, but officials aren't yet sure when those tests will begin. DOE and contractor officials have stopped offering a timeline when the facility will be operational. [>>Continue reading](#)

ECA MEMBER NEWS

Piketon asks DOE for comment extension

Portsmouth Daily Times

February 12, 2017

Piketon Mayor Billy Spencer says he can't get a commitment from the Department of Energy that they will completely decontaminate the Piketon site so that the land can be used in the future for reindustrialization, so he is asking for a 60-day extension from DOE on the comment period for the draft environmental assessment: Conveyance of Real property at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

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DOE has invited public comments on the draft environmental assessment (EA) for a 45-day period from Jan. 4 to Feb. 18, 2017. Federal law requires a comment period of 14 to 30 days and local DOE chose to extend the comment period. DOE has made the EA available in hard copy and online. Comments were also taken during a Site Project Update meeting open to the public Jan. 24 at Piketon High School. [>>Continue reading](#)

NUCLEAR SAFETY

New Savannah River Site MOX violation cited in latest NRC inspection report

Aiken Standard

February 9, 2017

Federal inspectors have issued a new violation to CB&I AREVA MOX Services in relation to construction of the mixed-oxide fuel fabrication facility under construction at the Savannah River Site south of Aiken.

In the latest report, dated Feb. 2 made public Feb. 8, fasteners for ductwork at the MOX facility were found to be in violation, documents show.

Fasteners for all ductwork "shall be snug and tight," with all bolts supposed to be sufficiently tightened to prevent removal without a wrench, according to the report. [>>Continue reading](#)

LANL responds to critical report of safety practices

The Los Alamos Monitor

February 15, 2017

The Los Alamos National Laboratory responded to an annual report the National Nuclear Security Administration sent to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Feb. 2. The report was critical of the lab's design and manufacture of nuclear components.

The report measures the lab's nuclear criticality safety programs and how well LANL is doing in implementing safety measures in the manufacture and design of nuclear components.

The purpose of the report is to prevent accidents that could lead to the discharge of radiation and other toxic materials related to the components and their manufacture into the environment.

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Alexandria, VA

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